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Cohen Johnson, Calif. Rogers
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Davis, Ga. Lagomarsino Sandman
Davis, S.C. Latta Sarasin
de la Garza Leggett Sarbanes
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Dellums Long, La. Schroeder
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Derwinski McClory Shuster
Dickinson McCloskey Sikes
Diggs McCormack Sisk
Dingell McDade Skubitz
Donohue McEwen Slack
Dorn McFall Smith, Iowa
Drinan McKay Smith, N.Y.
Dulski McKinney Spence
Duncan McSpadden Stagers
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Eckhardt Madigan J. William
Edwards, Ala. Mahon Stanton
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Evans, Colo. Mathis, Ga. Steiger, Ariz.
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Fish Melcher Stratton
Flood Metcalfe Stubblefield
Flowers Mezvinsky Studds
Foley Milford Sullivan
Ford Miller Symington
Forsythe Minish Talcott
Fountain Mink Taylor, N.C.
Fraser Mitchell, Md. Thompson, N.J.
Frelinghuysen Mitchell, N.Y. Thornton
Frenzel Mizell Tiernan
Frey Moakley Towell, N.Y.
Froehlich Mollohan Traxler
Fulton Moorhead, Calif. Udall
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Gaydos Moorhead, Pa. Van Deerlin
Gettys Morgan Vander Jagt
Giaimo Mosher Vander Veer
Gibbons Moss Vanik
Gilman Murphy, Ill. Veysey
Ginn Murphy, N.Y. Vigorito
Goldwater Murtha Waldie
Gonzalez Myers Walsh
Gray Natcher Wampler
Green, Oreg. Nedzi Ware
Green, Pa. Nelsen Whalen
Griffiths Nichols White
Gubser Nix Whitten
Gude O'Hara Widnall
Gunter O'Neill Williams
Guyer Passman Wilson, Bob
Haley Patman Wilson, Charles E.,
Hamilton Patten Calif.
Hanley Pepper Wilson,
Hanrahan Perkins Charles, Tex.
Hansen, Idaho Pettis
Harrington Peyser
Harsha Pickle Winn
Hastings Pike Wolf
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Hebert Preyer Wyman
Hechler, W. Va. Price, Ill. Yates
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Arendt Downing
Armstrong Fisher
Bafalis Flynt
Bauman Goodling
Beard Gross
Blackburn Hammer
Broyhill, Va. Schmidt
Burleson, Tex. Henderson
Butler Jarman
Camp Jones, Tenn.
Clawson, Del. Kemp
Collins, Tex. Ketchum
Conable Landgrebe
Conlan Landrum
Craney Lott
Daniel, Dan McCollister
Daniel, Robert Martin, Nebr.
W., Jr. Martin, N.C.
Mayne Michel
Montgomery Parris
Powell, Ohio Rarick
Robinson, Va. Rousset
Satterfield Snyder
Symms Taylor, Mo.
Teague Thone
Treen Waggonner
Whitehurst Wiggins
Young, Fla. Zion

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Adams Hansen, Wash.
Alexander Howard
Ashbrook Jones, N.C.
Brasco Kuykendall
Carey, N.Y. Litton
Chamberlain Macdonald
Eshleman Mills
Grasso Minshall, Ohio
Grover O'Brien
Hanna Owens

So the conference report was agreed to.

The Clerk announced the following pairs:

Mr. Shipley with Mrs. Grasso.
Mr. Howard with Mr. Carey of New York.
Mr. Jones of North Carolina with Mr. Hanna.
Mr. Stuckey with Mrs. Hansen of Washington.
Mr. Alexander with Mr. Mills.
Mr. Adams with Mr. Ashbrook.
Mr. Litton with Mr. Chamberlain.
Mr. Macdonald with Mr. Grover.
Mr. Eshleman with Mr. Kuykendall.
Mr. O'Brien with Mr. Minshall of Ohio.
Mr. Wylder with Mr. Owens.
Mr. Ruth with Mr. Roncallo of New York.
Mr. Thomson of Wisconsin with Mr. Rooney of New York.
Mr. Shoup with Mr. Zwach.

The result of the vote was announced and recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TO REVIEW AND RESTATE CERTAIN FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's desk the bill (H.R. 12113) to revise and restate certain functions and duties of the Comptroller General of the United States and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendment, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert: That this Act may be cited as the "General Accounting Office Act of 1974".

TITLE I—STATISTICAL SAMPLING PROCEDURES IN THE EXAMINATION OF VOUCHERS

Sec. 101. Subsection (a) of Public Law 88-521, approved August 30, 1964 (31 U.S.C. 82b-1(a)), is amended to read:

"(a) Whenever the head of any department or agency of the Government or the Com-

missioner of the District of Columbia determines that economies will result therefrom, such agency head or the Commissioner may prescribe the use of adequate and effective statistical sampling procedures in the examination of disbursement vouchers not exceeding such amounts as may from time to time be prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States; and no certifying or disbursing officer acting in good faith and in conformity with such procedures shall be held liable with respect to any certification or payment made by him on a voucher which was not subject to specific examination because of the prescribed statistical sampling procedure: *Provided*, That such officer and his department or agency have diligently pursued collection action to recover the illegal, improper, or incorrect payment in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Comptroller General. The Comptroller General shall include in his reviews of accounting systems an evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of procedures established under the authority of this Act."

TITLE II—AUDIT OF TRANSPORTATION PAYMENTS

Sec. 201. Section 322 of the Transportation Act of 1940, as amended (49 U.S.C. 86), is further amended:

(1) By deleting from subsection (a) the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"Payment for transportation of persons or property for or on behalf of the United States by any carrier or forwarder shall be made upon presentation of bills therefor prior to audit by the General Services Administration, or his designee. The right is reserved to the United States Government to deduct the amount of any overcharge by any carrier or forwarder from any amount subsequently found to be due such carrier or forwarder. This does not affect the authority of the General Accounting Office to make audits in accordance with the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921, as amended (31 U.S.C. 41), and the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950, as amended (31 U.S.C. 65)."

(2) In the second proviso of subsection (a), by striking out "cognizable by the General Accounting Office" and by striking out "received in the General Accounting Office" and inserting in lieu of the latter "received in the General Services Administration, or by his designee"; and

(3) By redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively, and by inserting the following new subsection (b):

"(b) Nothing in subsection (a) hereof shall be deemed to prevent any carrier or forwarder from requesting the Comptroller General to review the action on his claim by the General Services Administration, or his designee. Such requests shall be forever barred unless received in the General Accounting Office within six months (not including in time of war) from the date the action was taken or within the periods of limitation specified in the second proviso in subsection (a) of this section, whichever is later."

Sec. 202. (a) Incident to the transfer of functions pursuant to the amendments made by section 201 of this Act, there shall be transferred to the General Services Administration such records, property, personnel, appropriations, and other funds of the General Accounting Office as the Comptroller General and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall jointly determine after consultation with the Administrator of General Services and, with respect to personnel, with the Chairman of the United States Civil Service Commission.

(b) Personnel transferred pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall not be reduced in classification or compensation for two years after such transfer, except for cause. After such two-year period, each person transferred pursuant to subsection (a) shall be subject to the provisions of section 5337 of title 5, United States Code, as if such person had continued to be an employee of the General Accounting Office.

Sec. 203. (a) The transfer of functions and personnel under this title shall be effective on such date as is mutually determined by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Administrator of General Services, but not earlier than October 1, 1975, and not later than September 30, 1976.

(b) Upon the enactment of this Act the Comptroller General of the United States shall establish and carry out a continuing program of personnel development and improvement applicable to the personnel who will be transferred under this title. Such program shall include provisions for training, career development and counseling services, a review of equal employment opportunity problems and the taking of corrective action, where appropriate, and any restructuring, reclassification, and redesigning of positions necessary to effectuate a full and adequate transfer of the functions as provided for under this title.

(c) At least sixty days prior to the effective date determined under subsection (a), the Administrator of General Services shall establish a detailed plan for the transfer of functions and personnel under this title and shall publish such plan in the Federal Register. Such plan shall be based on a thorough survey of the availability of transportation to any new location for functions and personnel transferred and of the availability of parking facilities and food, health, and other services for personnel transferred, and shall include a detailed description of a personnel development program to be conducted by the Administrator of General Services to assure the establishment and maintenance of procedures which guarantee equal employment opportunities, promotion opportunities, employment and career counseling, and training and career development for personnel who are transferred.

(d) Six months after the date of the transfer of the personnel and functions under this title, the Administrator of the General Services Administration shall make a report to the Congress as to actions which he has taken to implement such plan and the transfer of such personnel and functions thereunder.

TITLE III—AUDIT OF NONAPPROPRIATED FUND ACTIVITIES

Sec. 301. (a) The (1) operations and funds (including central funds) of nonappropriated fund and related activities authorized or operated by an executive agency to sell merchandise or services to military or other Government personnel and their dependents, such as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Navy Exchanges, Marine Corps Exchanges, Coast Guard Exchanges, Exchange Councils of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, commissaries, clubs, and theaters, (2) systems of accounting and internal controls of such funds and activities, and (3) any internal or independent audits or reviews of such funds and activities shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be subject to review by the Comptroller General of the United States in accordance with such principles and procedures and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe. The Comptroller General and his duly authorized representatives shall have access to those books, accounts, records, documents, reports, files, and other papers, things, or property relevant to funds and activities within this subsection as are deemed necessary by the Comptroller General.

(b) When required by the Comptroller

General for such nonappropriated fund and related activities with gross receipts from sales of more than \$100,000 a year as he may designate by class, or upon specific request of the Comptroller General in any other case, each executive agency shall furnish promptly a copy of the annual report of any nonappropriated fund or related activity referred to in subsection (a). If such information is not included in any activity's annual report such agency shall also furnish a statement showing the yearly financial operations, financial condition, and cash flow, and such other annual information relating to the activity as may be agreed upon by the Comptroller General and the head of the executive agency concerned.

TITLE IV—EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS

Sec. 401. The Comptroller General may employ experts and consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at rates not in excess of the maximum daily rate prescribed for GS-18 under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code, for persons in the Government service employed intermittently. Ten such experts or consultants may be employed for periods not in excess of three years.

TITLE V—GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE BUILDING

Sec. 501. (a) The Comptroller General of the United States shall be entitled to the use of such space in the General Accounting Office Building as he determines to be necessary, and the head of any Federal agency which exercises authority over such building shall provide the Comptroller General with such space within the building as the Comptroller General determines to be necessary.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the one-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator for General Services may contract for the rent of a building in the District of Columbia to the extent necessary to secure an amount of space equal to the amount of space which the Administrator makes available to the Comptroller General of the United States during such one-year period under the provisions of subsection (a).

TITLE VI—AUDITS OF GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS

AMENDMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENT CORPORATION CONTROL ACT

Sec. 601. (a) Section 105 of the Government Corporation Control Act (31 U.S.C. 850) is amended by adding thereto the following sentence: "Effective July 1, 1974, each wholly owned Government corporation shall be audited at least once in every three years."

(b) The first sentence of section 106 of such Act (31 U.S.C. 851) is amended to read as follows: "A report of each audit conducted under section 105 shall be made by the Comptroller General to the Congress not later than six and one-half months following the close of the last year covered by such audit."

(c) Section 202 of such Act (31 U.S.C. 857) is amended by adding thereto the following sentence: "Effective July 1, 1974, each mixed-ownership Government corporation shall be audited at least once in every three years."

(d) The first sentence of section 203 of such Act (31 U.S.C. 858) is amended to read as follows: "A report of each audit conducted under section 202 shall be made by the Comptroller General to the Congress not later than six and one-half months following the close of the last year covered by such audit."

AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT

Sec. 602. (a) Section 17(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1827(b)) is amended by adding thereto the following

sentence: "The Corporation shall be audited at least once in every three years."

(b) The first and second sentences of section 17(c) of such Act (12 U.S.C. 1827(c)) are deleted and the following is inserted in their place: "A report of each audit conducted under subsection (b) of this section shall be made by the Comptroller General to the Congress not later than six and one-half months following the close of the last year covered by such audit."

AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE ACT

Sec. 603. Section 513 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (52 Stat. 76; U.S.C. 153) is amended to read as follows: "The Corporation shall at all times maintain complete and accurate books of accounts and shall file annually with the Secretary of Agriculture a complete report as to the business of the Corporation."

AMENDMENTS TO THE HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1968

Sec. 604. Section 107(g) of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701y(g)) is amended by:

(1) adding a new sentence at the end of subparagraph (1) thereof as follows: "Such audit shall be made at least once in every three years."

(2) substituting the following sentence in lieu of the first sentence in subparagraph (2) thereof: "A report of each such audit shall be made by the Comptroller General to the Congress not later than six and one-half months following the close of the last year covered by such audit."

AMENDMENT TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REDEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1945

Sec. 605. Section 17 of the District of Columbia Redevelopment Act of 1945 (60 Stat. 801) is amended by deleting the word "annual" from the clause "such books shall be subject to annual audit by the General Accounting Office."

TITLE VII—REVISION OF ANNUAL AUDIT REQUIREMENTS

AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ACT OF 1949

Sec. 701. Section 109(e) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 756(e)) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) (1) As of June 30 of each year, there shall be covered into the United States Treasury as miscellaneous receipts any surplus in the General Supply Fund, all assets, liabilities, and prior losses considered, above the amounts transferred or appropriated to establish and maintain said fund.

"(2) The Comptroller General shall make audits of the General Supply Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950 and make reports on the results thereof."

AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL AVIATION ACT OF 1958

Sec. 702. That part of the second sentence of section 1307(f) of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1537(f)) which precedes the proviso is amended to read as follows: "The Secretary shall maintain a set of accounts which shall be audited by the Comptroller General in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950."

AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING FUND

Sec. 703. Section 6 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for financing the operations of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Treasury Department, and for other purposes" (31 U.S.C. 181d) is amended to read as follows: "The financial transactions, accounts, and reports of the fund shall be audited by the Comptroller General in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950."

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AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE VETERANS' CANTEEN SERVICE

SEC. 704. Section 4207 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: "§ 4207. Audit of accounts

"The Service shall maintain a set of accounts which shall be audited by the Comptroller General in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950."

AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSURED LOAN PROGRAM

SEC. 705. (a) Paragraph (2) of section 432(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1082(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

"(2) maintain with respect to insurance under this part a set of accounts, which shall be audited by the Comptroller General in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950, except that the transactions of the Commissioner, including the settlement of insurance claims and of claims for payments pursuant to section 428, and transactions related thereto and vouchers approved by the Commissioner in connection with such transactions, shall be final and conclusive upon all accounting and other officers of the Government."

(b) Section 402(a)(2) of the Housing Act of 1950 (64 Stat. 78; 12 U.S.C. 1749a(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

"(2) maintain a set of accounts which shall be audited by the Comptroller General in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950: *Provided*, That such financial transactions of the Administrator as the making of loans and vouchers approved by the Administrator in connection with such financial transactions shall be final and conclusive upon all officers of the Government."

AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT

SEC. 706. Section 209(b)(2) of the Federal Credit Union Act as added by section 1 of Public Law 91-468 (12 U.S.C. 1789(b)(2)) is amended by deleting the word "annually" therefrom.

AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO AUDIT OF THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

SEC. 707. The third sentence of subsection 309(c) of title 44 of the United States Code is amended to read as follows: "The Comptroller General shall audit the activities of the Government Printing Office at least once in every three years and shall furnish reports of such audits to the Congress and the Public Printer."

TITLE VIII—LIMITATION OF TIME ON CLAIMS AND DEMANDS

SEC. 801. Section 1 of the Act of October 9, 1940 (54 Stat. 1061, ch. 788), is amended by deleting the phrase "10 full years" and substituting "6 years" therefor.

SEC. 802. The amendment provided for in section 801 shall go into effect 6 months after the date of enactment and will have no effect on claims received in the General Accounting Office before that time.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TO EXTEND FOR 2 YEARS AUTHORIZATION FOR STRIKING MEDALS IN COMMEMORATION OF 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF CABLE CAR IN SAN FRANCISCO AND JIM THORPE

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate

consideration of the bill (H.R. 17655) to extend for 2 years the authorization for the striking of medals in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the cable car in San Francisco and in commemoration of Jim Thorpe, and for other purposes. The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 17655

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second sentence of the first section of the Act entitled, "An Act to authorize the striking of medals in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the cable car in San Francisco" (Public Law 93-114), approved October 1, 1973, is amended by striking out "December 31, 1974" and inserting in lieu thereof "December 31, 1976".

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the striking of medals in commemoration of Jim Thorpe" (Public Law 93-132), approved October 19, 1973, is amended by striking out "December 31, 1974" and inserting in lieu thereof "December 31, 1976".

SEC. 3. The last sentence of the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the striking of medals commemorating the International Exposition on Environment at Spokane, Washington, in 1974" approved December 29, 1973 (Public Law 93-221), is amended by striking out "December 31, 1974" and inserting in lieu thereof "March 31, 1975".

SEC. 4. (a) Except with respect to medals in commemoration of the bicentennial of the American Revolution authorized to be struck by Public Law 92-228 (approved February 15, 1973), no national medals made for public sale under authority of any law of the United States shall contain any gold without the express, prior approval, by law, of the Congress of the United States.

(b) Any person who violates this section shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Mr. Speaker, this is identical to H.R. 17655 which passed the House unanimously last Friday. It is noncontroversial. It includes provisions of separate bills introduced by Representatives JOHN L. BURTON, PHILLIP BURTON, and PETE STARK, and by HAPPY CAMP, and also amends a law introduced last year, by Representative TOM FOLEY. It is legislation made necessary by production problems in the Bureau of the Mint in meeting deadlines for the production of these commemorative medals.

Passage of the new bill is required by reason of action taken in the other body yesterday, in adding controversial nongermane amendments dealing with the Export-Import Bank. The Eximbank legislation is now in conference, and the issues involved in the Eximbank bill should be resolved by the conferees rather than as part of a commemorative medals bill.

I have been advised that if the House passes a clean bill this afternoon on the commemorative medals, it will be acted on immediately in the Senate and cleared for the White House without nongermane amendments.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TO DISCONTINUE OR MODIFY CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF LAW

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's desk the bill (H.R. 14718) to discontinue or modify certain reporting requirements of law, with Senate amendments thereto, and concur in the Senate amendments.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Clerk read the Senate amendments, as follows:

Page 7, strike out lines 3 to 11, inclusive. Page 7, line 12, strike out "(13)" and insert: "(12)".

Page 8, line 3, strike out "(14)" and insert: "(13)".

Page 8, line 13, strike out "(15)" and insert: "(14)".

Page 8, line 21, strike out "(16)" and insert: "(15)".

Page 9, line 10, strike out "(17)" and insert: "(16)".

Page 9, strike out all after line 18 over to and including line 2 on page 10.

Page 10, strike out lines 3 to 12, inclusive. Page 10, line 13, strike out "(20)" and insert: "(17)".

Page 10, line 23, strike out "(21)" and insert: "(18)".

Page 11, line 5, strike out "(22)" and insert: "(19)".

Page 11, line 14, strike out "(23)" and insert: "(20)".

Page 11, line 21, strike out "(24)" and insert: "(21)".

Page 12, line 4, strike out "(25)" and insert: "(22)".

Page 12, line 10, strike out "(26)" and insert: "(23)".

Page 15, strike out all after line 18 over to and including line 12 on page 16.

Page 16, line 13, strike out "(2)" and insert: "(1)".

Page 16, strike out all after line 21 over to and including line 9 on page 17.

Page 17, line 10, strike out "(4)" and insert: "(2)".

Page 18, line 1, strike out "(5)" and insert: "(3)".

Page 18, line 8, strike out "(6)" and insert: "(4)".

Page 18, line 15, strike out "(7)" and insert: "(5)".

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The Senate amendments were concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING SPEAKER TO DEFER VOTES AND INTERRUPT RECOGNITION OF REMAINING MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. McFALL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during the consideration of motions to suspend the rules on today, after the disposition of the urgent supplemental appropriations bill, which is the first such suspension and several privileged conference reports the Speaker be authorized to defer votes pursuant to the provisions of clause 3, rule 27, and to interrupt recognition for remaining motions to suspend the rules for the consideration of other business.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, will the gentleman from California tell the Members what business might come before the House that would be necessary to interrupt the suspensions, and would the gentleman give us a list of those suspensions?

Mr. McFALL. I will be very glad to tell the gentleman from California and the rest of the Members that after we have finished the several unanimous-consent requests that are pending at the moment we will begin the consideration of House Joint Resolution 1180, the urgent supplemental appropriation bill. The Speaker desires to have a separate vote on that. That will be the first suspension.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Then that vote on the supplemental appropriation will be held immediately?

Mr. McFALL. That is correct; the vote on the urgent supplemental will come right after we finish that legislation, so that we can get that matter finished up and get it over to the Senate.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Then we will begin the other suspensions after that vote?

Mr. McFALL. Then we will take up the other matters which are on the calendar for suspension, which are listed here at the desk, and are listed over there.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. I wonder if it would be possible for the gentleman to read those suspensions to us? Is the gentleman sure they will all be brought up tonight?

Mr. McFALL. It is the intention to start at the top and go down as far as we can on the list.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Is there a general time frame so that people who would have positions on various bills will have adequate notice to make these points known?

Mr. McFALL. That is correct.

The only variance that is suggested or asked for in this unanimous-consent request is that after we begin the suspensions, the Speaker be permitted to interrupt the suspensions to take up conference reports and other matters, and then still be able to continue with the suspension calendar so that we can get all the votes at the end, in accordance with clause 3, rule XXVII.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. So it is very possible that conference reports will interrupt the schedule you have just mentioned?

Mr. McFALL. That is right. When conference reports come during the suspension calendar list, the Speaker would like to have the opportunity to be able to interrupt—not during consideration of some suspension but between one suspension and another.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Further reserving the right to object. Can the gentleman give us any idea, of what the basic consideration of time might be in which we can complete all of this scheduled work. Can we be out of here by 12 o'clock tonight?

Mr. McFALL. The Speaker expects that we will work rather late tonight. I would hope that it would not be as late as 12 o'clock.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. What is the gentleman's expectation?

Mr. McFALL. Sometime between supertime and 12 o'clock.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. What is the gentleman's guess, having conferred with the Speaker, as to what that time might be?

Mr. McFALL. I cannot really guess, because I do not know how long all of these suspensions will take. The best guess I could make would be that we would endeavor to finish the suspensions. The majority leader points out to me that it will be a reasonable time—a reasonably late time. But, what we will endeavor to do is to complete the bills of the House so that we can start the Rockefeller confirmation tomorrow to make sure that we get that done and aim at finishing the business of the House sometime Friday afternoon.

The choice is to work as late as we can reasonably do so tonight and get as much of this business done as we can—hopefully all of it. But I would point out to the gentleman after the suspension calendar there is the bill on speedy trials; there is the one on State lotteries; and there is way at the end of the calendar the Rhodesian chrome bill; so there is an enormously lot of work on this calendar. Therefore, we would go, hopefully, to a reasonably late hour to accomplish as much of this work as we can.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. All right. The votes on the conference reports will occur as they come up, and the other votes, with the exception of the urgent supplemental appropriations, on suspensions will come at the end of the evening; is that correct?

Mr. McFALL. That is correct. I would restate that the urgent supplemental bill, the first supplemental, will be taken up and voted on.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Immediately?

Mr. McFALL. Yes. Then we would begin the suspension list.

I have just been advised by the majority leader, after consultation with the Speaker, that we will finish the bill that we are on at 9 o'clock, and we will quit, so that the reasonably late hour we were discussing is defined. We will finish the bill we are working on at 9 o'clock and quit—as soon as we finish that bill after 9 o'clock.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Further reserving the right to object, is there going to be an attempt to have us come in tomorrow at 10 o'clock?

Mr. McFALL. That is the intent, to start at 10 o'clock tomorrow on the Rockefeller confirmation.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. WAGGONER. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I just have one question of the distinguished majority whip. Yesterday at a point in time the gentleman from Iowa, in a colloquy with the majority leader, raised the possibility that there would be some deviation of the order listed for the suspensions today. Will that order be followed as listed or will they be called up at random?

Mr. McFALL. If the gentleman will yield, it is my information that this list now beginning with the New River study and going down the list that we have here on this desk is going to be followed. It is my understanding that what the Speaker intended to do yesterday was to make certain that he got through the supplemental bill which we have finished already today.

Mr. WAGGONER. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

Mr. STEIGER of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would ask the distinguished majority whip if it is the intention, as I understand it, to defer our votes on the suspensions starting with the New River bill until the entire list is finished? I gather from what the distinguished whip has said that at the conclusion of the consideration of those suspensions that we can cover today, we will vote on those today. Is that correct?

Mr. McFALL. Mr. Speaker, that is my understanding and the Speaker nods in agreement. If we could get down by 9 o'clock to the bill on the John B. Eads Dam or the bill on the Hoover Memorial, that will be the limit, and we would go ahead and vote on those suspensions.

Mr. STEIGER of Arizona. We would vote on those suspensions at 9 o'clock that we have cleared by 9 o'clock?

Mr. McFALL. Yes. The bill we are working on at 9 o'clock we will finish and that is it.

Mr. STEIGER of Arizona. And I would assume if we would adjourn and then reconvene tomorrow we would continue with those other suspensions?

Mr. McFALL. We would still have the right to bring up suspensions on Friday, or on Thursday after we finish the Rockefeller confirmation.

Mr. STEIGER of Arizona. But it is the gentleman's intention not to put the vote over on any suspensions we have discussed by 9 o'clock?

Mr. McFALL. As I understand clause 3, rule XVII, the vote must be taken at the end of the suspension calendar on that day.

Mr. STEIGER of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I would like to ask the majority whip a question. Under the present clause 3, rule XVII, I believe it says we can delay none or we must delay all of them. What the whip is asking for is a departure from the present rule by allowing one vote on suspension to take place and then suspending until the end of business all the others?

Mr. McFALL. That is correct, the rest of them, plus the privilege of taking up conference reports in between suspensions which normally would not be done during the suspension calendar.

Mr. STEIGER of Wisconsin. Further reserving the right to object, would it be fair, Mr. Speaker, to seek to have the majority whip assure this House that this is not an effort to establish a new precedent which disregards the present rule?